# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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MOST BACKWARD REGIONS
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide special economic assistance for overall development and removal of backwardness of most backward regions of the country including eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the action-plan of the Government in this regard ;and

(d) the time by which such plan is likely to be implemented?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d): Overall development and removal of regional backwardness in the states are the primary responsibilities of the concerned State Govt. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Govt., the Central Govt. has been providing lump sum Central Assistance to the State in their Annual Plans.

During the Annual Plan 2009-10 meeting of Uttar Pradesh, the State Govt. was advised to spend a high share of its plan outlay in backward regions so as to bring them gradually at par with the other regions of the State. The Plan outlay for the year 2009-10 of Uttar Pradesh has been approved at Rs 39,000 crore which is 11.42% higher than the plan outlay of 2008-09 at of Rs 35,000 crore.

The Govt. has also approved Rs 7266 crore package for Drought Mitigation and Integrated Development of Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.